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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. KILDEE, and Mr. SCOTT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES IN ACT.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Runaway and Homeless Youth Amendments of 1996”.

6       (b) Except where otherwise specifically provided, ref-  
7       erences in this Act shall be considered to be made to the

1 Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et  
2 seq.), or to a section or other provision thereof.

3 **SEC. 2. SHORT TITLE OF ACT; FINDINGS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—Section 301 (42 U.S.C. 5701  
5 note) is amended by striking “Runaway and Homeless  
6 Youth Act” and inserting “Comprehensive Runaway and  
7 Homeless Youth Services Act”.

8 (b) **FINDINGS.**—Section 302 (42 U.S.C. 5701) is  
9 amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “accurate re-  
11 porting of the problem nationally” and inserting “an  
12 accurate national reporting system”;

13 (2) by striking paragraph (8) and inserting a  
14 new paragraph reading as follows:

15 “(8) because runaway and homeless youth have  
16 a high incidence of alcohol and other drug abuse  
17 problems and often less opportunity for intervention,  
18 drug abuse prevention and education services need  
19 to be provided;”;

20 (3) in paragraph (10), by striking “who require  
21 assistance” and all that follows and inserting instead  
22 “(many of whom have been or are at risk of being  
23 subjected to sexual abuse) who need but would not  
24 otherwise avail themselves of assistance; and”; and

1 (4)(A) by striking “and” at the end of para-  
2 graph (9); and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
4 paragraph:

5 “(11) services for this population are needed in  
6 urban, suburban, and rural areas.”.

7 **SEC. 3. COMPREHENSIVE GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) GENERAL PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—

9 (1) The caption of section 311 (42 U.S.C.  
10 5711) is amended by inserting “COMPREHEN-  
11 SIVE” before “RUNAWAY”.

12 (2) Section 311(a) (42 U.S.C. 5711(a)) is  
13 amended by striking “local runaway and homeless  
14 youth centers” and inserting “comprehensive local  
15 runaway and homeless youth services programs”.

16 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FUNDS.—Section  
17 311(b) is amended by striking paragraph (4) and inserting  
18 the following new paragraph:

19 “(4) In selecting among applicants for grants  
20 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall ensure that  
21 at least 20 percent of the total amount available for  
22 such grants for each fiscal year shall be used for  
23 long-term residential care for older homeless youth  
24 through the provision of transitional living serv-  
25 ices.”.

1       (c) REPEAL OF SEPARATE AUTHORITIES FOR  
2 STREET-BASED AND HOME-BASED SERVICES.—Sub-  
3 sections (c) and (d) of section 311 (42 U.S.C. 5711) are  
4 repealed.

5 **SEC. 4. ELIGIBILITY; PLAN REQUIREMENTS.**

6       (a) PROGRAM ELEMENTS OF ELIGIBLE SERVICE  
7 PROGRAMS.—Section 312(a) (42 U.S.C. 5712(a)) is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9       “(a) SERVICE PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for assist-  
11       ance under section 311(a), an applicant shall pro-  
12       pose to establish, strengthen, or fund an existing or  
13       proposed locally controlled comprehensive runaway  
14       and homeless youth services program that includes  
15       at least one of the following:

16           “(A) Short-term services including—

17                   “(i) emergency shelter for runaway  
18                   and homeless youth; and

19                   (ii) at the grantee’s option, non-resi-  
20                   dential prevention services on a drop-in  
21                   basis for youth who are—

22                           “(I) contemplating running away  
23                           from home;

24                           “(II) currently living on the  
25                           streets; or

1 “(III) receiving after-care serv-  
2 ices.

3 “(B) Long-term residential services for  
4 homeless youth.

5 “(2) LOCATION.—A program eligible for assist-  
6 ance under this part may be located in any urban,  
7 suburban, or rural area where a need for runaway  
8 and homeless youth services is demonstrated. A pro-  
9 gram may be shelter-based, use group homes or host  
10 homes, operate street-based services, or employ any  
11 combination of these options, as appropriate for the  
12 population being served.

13 “(b) YOUTH ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES.—Youth eligi-  
14 ble to receive services from programs assisted under this  
15 part are individuals age 21 or younger.

16 (b) GENERAL PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section  
17 312(b) (42 U.S.C. 5712(b)) is amended—

18 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
19 striking “section 311(a)” and inserting “this part”;

20 (2) in paragraph (2)—

21 (A) by striking “runaway and homeless  
22 youth center” and inserting “comprehensive  
23 runaway and homeless youth services program”;  
24 and

25 (B) by striking “temporary”;

1           (3) by striking paragraphs (1) and (3), and re-  
2           designating paragraphs (2) and (4) as paragraphs  
3           (1) and (2);

4           (4) by adding after paragraph (2), as redesign-  
5           nated, the following new paragraphs:

6           “(3)(A) shall provide, directly or through refer-  
7           ral, alcohol and drug abuse prevention and education  
8           activities and services; and

9           “(B) shall, to the extent feasible and nec-  
10          essary, make referrals for alcohol and drug  
11          abuse treatment services;

12          “(4) shall to the extent feasible provide, or  
13          make referrals to providers of, other appropriate  
14          services including medical, educational, social, rec-  
15          reational, and transportation services;”; and

16          (5) in paragraph (5), by striking all that follows  
17          “to such youth” and inserting a semicolon;

18          (6) in each of paragraphs (8) and (10), by  
19          striking “center” and inserting “program”.

20          (c) REPEAL OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO SEPARATE  
21          STREET-BASED AND HOME-BASED PROGRAMS.—Sub-  
22          sections (c) and (d) of section 312 (42 U.S.C. 5712) are  
23          repealed.

24          (d) PLAN REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM PROVIDING  
25          SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY SHELTER.—Section 312 (42

1 U.S.C. 5712) is amended by adding at the end the follow-  
2 ing new subsection:

3 “(c) In order to qualify for assistance under this part,  
4 an applicant proposing to provide the short-term services  
5 described in subsection (a)(1)(A) shall submit a plan to  
6 the Secretary including assurances that the applicant—

7 “(1) shall operate a runaway and homeless  
8 youth center which is located in an area demon-  
9 strably frequented by or easily reachable by runaway  
10 and homeless youth, and at which runaway and  
11 homeless youth can receive services;

12 “(2) shall develop adequate plans, in accordance  
13 with the best interests of the youth, for contacting  
14 the parents, legal guardians, or other relatives of the  
15 youth and ensuring the safe return of the youth, or  
16 for providing for other appropriate alternative living  
17 arrangements; and

18 “(3) shall develop an adequate plan for encour-  
19 aging the involvement of parents or legal guardians  
20 in counseling, and for ensuring, to the extent pos-  
21 sible, that aftercare services will be provided to all  
22 youth served, including those who are returned be-  
23 yond the State in which the program is located.”.

24 (e) PLAN REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM PROVIDING  
25 LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL SERVICES.—Section 322(a)

1 (42 U.S.C. 5722(a)) is relocated and redesignated as sub-  
2 section (d) of section 312 (42 U.S.C. 5712), and is amend-  
3 ed—

4 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

5 (A) by striking “shall propose” and insert-  
6 ing “proposing”; and

7 (B) by striking “a transitional living youth  
8 project for homeless youth and” and inserting  
9 “long-term residential services for older home-  
10 less youth in accordance with subsection  
11 (a)(1)(R)”;

12 (2) by striking paragraphs (4) and (5), redesign-  
13 ating paragraph (6) as paragraph (4), and striking  
14 paragraphs (7) through (14); and

15 (3) by striking the semicolon at the end of  
16 paragraph (4), as redesignated, and inserting a pe-  
17 riod.

18 **SEC. 5. APPROVAL BY SECRETARY.**

19 Section 313 (42 U.S.C. 5713) is amended—

20 (1) in the first sentence—

21 (A) by striking “section 311 (a), (c), or  
22 (d)” the first place it appears and inserting  
23 “this part”; and



1 (B) by striking “section 311 (a), (c), or  
2 (d)” the second place it appears and inserting  
3 “section 311”;  
4 (2) by striking the second sentence; and  
5 (3) in the third sentence—  
6 (A) by striking “of service”; and  
7 (B) by inserting before the period “of the  
8 type of services which such organizations pro-  
9 pose to provide”.

10 **SEC. 6. EVALUATION AUTHORITY.**

11 Section 343 (42 U.S.C. 5714–23) is amended—  
12 (1) in the caption, by inserting “EVALUA-  
13 TION,” after “DEMONSTRATION,”; and  
14 (2) in subsection (a), by inserting “evaluation,”  
15 after “demonstration,”.

16 **SEC. 7. REPEAL OF EXECUTED DEMONSTRATION AUTHOR-**  
17 **ITY.**

18 Section 344 (42 U.S.C. 5714–24) is repealed.

19 **SEC. 8. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO POTENTIAL GRANTEEES.**

20 Section 371 (42 U.S.C. 5714a) is amended by strik-  
21 ing all that follows the first sentence.

22 **SEC. 9. LEASE OF SURPLUS FEDERAL FACILITIES.**

23 Section 372 (42 U.S.C. 5714b) is repealed.

1 **SEC. 10. REPORTS.**

2 (a) REPORTING TIMETABLE.—Section 381(a) (42  
3 U.S.C. 5715(a)) is amended in the matter preceding para-  
4 graph (1) by striking “each fiscal year” and inserting “fis-  
5 cal year 1997 and each second fiscal year thereafter”.

6 (b) FEDERAL EVALUATION.—Section 381(b)(1) (42  
7 U.S.C. 5715(b)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(1) The Secretary shall develop and implement  
9 a system that provides information on the quality  
10 and quantity of services being provided by com-  
11 prehensive runaway and homeless youth services  
12 programs. Recipients of grants under this part shall  
13 cooperate with Federal data collection efforts and  
14 with triennial on-site monitoring activities.”.

15 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 381(a)  
16 (42 U.S.C. 5715(a)) is amended—

17 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
18 striking “runaway and homeless youth centers that  
19 are funded under parts A, B, C, D, and E” and in-  
20 serting “programs funded under this title”;

21 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “centers fund-  
22 ed under part A” and inserting “short-term services  
23 programs described in section 312(a)(1)(A)”; and

24 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “centers fund-  
25 ed under part B” and inserting “long-term residen-

1 tial service programs described in section  
2 312(a)(1)(B)’’.

3 **SEC. 11. REPEAL OF ANNUAL PRIORITIES REQUIREMENT.**

4 Section 384 (42 U.S.C. 5732) is repealed.

5 **SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 (a) APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED.—Section  
7 385(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 5751(a)(1)) is amended by striking  
8 all that follows “to carry out this title” and inserting “\$69  
9 million for fiscal year 1997, and such sums as necessary  
10 for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2001.”.

11 (b) FUNDS FOR RUNAWAY HOTLINE.—Section  
12 385(a)(3) (42 U.S.C. 5751(a)(3)) is amended—

13 (1) by inserting “such sums as necessary” after  
14 “shall reserve”; and

15 (2) by striking all that follows “section 331”  
16 and inserting a period.

17 (b) ELIMINATION OF SEPARATE EARMARKS.—Para-  
18 graphs (4) and (5) of subsection (a), and subsections (b)  
19 and (c), of section 385 (42 U.S.C. 5751) are repealed.

20 (c) Subsections (d) and (e) are redesignated as sub-  
21 sections (b) and (c).

22 **SEC. 13. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

23 (a) Section 311(b)(2) (42 U.S.C. 5711(b)(2)) is  
24 amended by striking “the Trust Territory of the Pacific  
25 Islands,”.

1       (b) Section 314 (42 U.S.C. 5714) is amended by  
2 striking “runaway and homeless youth center” and insert-  
3 ing “comprehensive runaway and homeless youth services  
4 program”.

5       (c) Part B (42 U.S.C. 5714–1 et seq.) is repealed.

6       (d) Section 343(b)(7) (42 U.S.C. 5714–23(b)(7)) is  
7 amended by striking “runaway and homeless youth cen-  
8 ters” and inserting “comprehensive runaway and homeless  
9 youth services programs”.

10       (e) Section 371 is amended, in the matter preceding  
11 paragraph (1), by striking “runaway and homeless youth  
12 centers and transitional living youth projects” and insert-  
13 ing “runaway and homeless youth services programs  
14 under section 312”.

15       (f) Section 385(b) (42 U.S.C. 5751(b)), as redesign-  
16 nated by section 10 of this Act, is amended by striking  
17 “Office of Youth Development” and inserting “Adminis-  
18 tration for Children and Families”.

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